

MINUTES OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING OF MAY 24, 1940.

The Board of Public Works met in its offices in the Union Trust Building, Baltimore, Maryland, on Friday, May 24th, 1940, at 2:00 p.m.

Present: Herbert R. O'Connor, Governor
 Hooper S. Miles, Treasurer
 J. Millard Tawes, Comptroller

Walter N. Kirkman, Director of the Department of Budget and Procurement, was also present.

STATE DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY:

The meeting was called for the particular purpose of considering the request made by Dr. H. C. Byrd, President of the University of Maryland, as set forth in his letter dated December 13, 1939, that the Board of Public Works approve the proposal of the Board of Regents of the University of Maryland to transfer the State Department of Forestry and the Maryland Geological Survey to College Park.

Quite a number of persons attended the meeting because of their interest manifested in the proposed transfer of these departments to College Park.

The Secretary read Dr. Byrd's letter of December 13, 1939, as well as letters received from W. W. Skinner, Chairman of the Board of Regents of the University of Maryland; John E. Semmes and William P. Cole, Jr., members of the Board of Regents of the University of Maryland; - all urging the approval of the Board of Public Works to the request for the transfer.

At the request of Governor O'Connor, Dr. Byrd made a statement as to the reasons for the transfer and referred particularly to the article in The Sun of May 24, 1940 as setting forth, in detail, the reasons for the requested transfer. A written statement embodying these reasons was submitted to the Board of Public Works at this meeting. Dr. Byrd stated he would be glad to answer any questions anyone present would like to ask.

Mr. J. Hammond Brown, President of the Maryland State Game and Fish Protective Association, spoke in opposition to the transfer of the two departments to College Park, particularly the State Department of Forestry, stating that the organization of which he was president had, by resolution, gone on record as being opposed to the transfer. Mr. Brown submitted the names of the following persons as being present, who were opposed to the transfer: -

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| Mrs. C. Roland Beady - Crownsville, Maryland | |
| Holmes D. Baker | |
| Vernon H. Byers, | Baltimore, Maryland |
| Clayton Demarest, Jr. | Baltimore, Maryland |
| John H. Farrell | Baltimore, Maryland |
| Edward A. Ferrari | Baltimore, Maryland |
| Mrs. W. M. Hillegeist | Baltimore, Maryland |
| E. W. Iman | Baltimore, Maryland |
| Louise E. Magruder | Annapolis, Maryland |
| Samuel Mason, Jr. | Darlington, Maryland |
| Mrs. Henry M. Murray | Cumberstone, Maryland |
| Mr. & Mrs. W. C. Rogers | Crownsville, Maryland |
| Henry C. Stanwood | Baltimore, Maryland |
| Mrs. Coleman Rogers | |
- (Favors transfer)

Mrs. Alma Harrison Ambrose -	Business & Professional Women's Club - Baltimore
Holmes D. Baker	Confederation of Western Maryland Conservationists.
Miss Ada Beard	Women's Civic League-Home Garden Comm.
Elisabeth L. Clarke	Amateur Gardeners' Club-Conservation Chairman.
Miss Esther L. Cox	Mt. Royal Garden Club
Mrs. Henry E. Corner, Pres.-	Women's Civic League
Mrs. Emil Crockin	League of Women Voters
Samuel T. Edel	Baltimore Co. Game & Fish Protective Assoc.
Fred J. Euler	Conowingo Fishing Club
Felix G. Gajewski, Treas.	Maryland Outdoor Life
Bernard I. Gonder, member	State Department of Forestry-Advisory Board.
C. F. Hertins, Vice Pres.	Maryland Outdoor Life
Mrs. Francis M. Jencks	Women's Civic League
Mrs. Edward H. McKeon	Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland
Carl W. Meislahn	Maryland Sportmen's Luncheon Club
	North Baltimore Game & Fish Protective Assoc.
Mrs. L. Vernon Miller	St. George's Garden Club
Columbus K. Oakley	Izaak Walton League of America - Chapter V.
Miss J. R. Rogers	Women's Civic League
Miss Ella Slingluff	Women's Civic League - Home Garden Comm.
Miss Valerin Slingluff	Women's Civic League - Home Garden Comm.
Mrs. Richard B. Sparks,	Garden Club of America, Conservation
State Representative	Committee.
S. C. Swope	Baltimore Casting Club
Mrs. Carl W. Wheelock,	Maryland League of Women Voters
Vice President	
Mrs. R. Y. Cowrad	Women's Civic League-Garden Section
Mrs. Henry E. Kolmer	Women's Civic League

Mr. John M. Nelson, Jr., professional forester, read a prepared statement on behalf of the opponents.

Mr. Thomas J. Grogan, Jr., Director of the Maryland Classified Employees Association, read a prepared statement in opposition to the transfer.

Mr. J. H. Gambrill, Jr. member of the Maryland State Game & Inland Fish Commission, spoke in the interest of conservation and opposed the transfer.

Mrs. James H. Dorsey, Secretary-Treasurer of the Maryland Forestry Association, opposed the transfer and recommended waiting until the next meeting of the Legislature, when the matter could be considered by that body.

Mr. Arthur E. Hungerford, Chairman of the Forestry and State Park Committee of the Maryland State Game & Fish Protective Association, read a prepared statement in opposition to the transfer of the two departments.

Dr. Joseph T. Singewald, Jr., Professor of Economic Geology of Johns Hopkins University, read a prepared statement opposing the transfer of the Maryland Geological Survey to College Park.

Mrs. William Bauernschmidt, of Baltimore, spoke in opposition to the transfer of the two departments to College Park.

Mrs. N. L. Dashiell, of Baltimore, who said she was speaking personally and as a taxpayer in four counties (Montgomery, Baltimore, Dorchester and Prince George) and Baltimore, and as the owner of forest lands, spoke in opposition to the proposed transfer.

Mr. William H. Holloway, of Worcester County, who identified himself as a farmer and timberland owner, spoke favorably of Dr. Byrd's request to transfer the two departments and thought the request should be approved.

Mr. F. W. Besley, State Forester, read a prepared statement giving his reasons why the State Department of Forestry should be continued in Baltimore.

Mr. Douglas N. Sharretts, Chairman of the Conservation Committee of the Baltimore Junior Association of Commerce, spoke in opposition to the transfer of the two departments to College Park, and debated the question with Dr. Byrd.

Mr. Sydney D. Peverly, of Bel Air, Maryland, stated he was opposed to the transfer of the departments to College Park.

There had been filed with the Secretary letters in opposition to the transfer from:

The Frederick County Fish and Game Protective Assoc., Inc.
Mountain Choir Festival Association
North American Rod and Gun Club
The Izaak Walton League of America-Chapter No. 5
Worcester County Fish & Game Protective Association

Col. Washington Bowie, Jr., Baltimore, Maryland
Bernard I. Gonder, Oakland, Maryland
Maryland Outdoor Life Federation, Inc.
Robert Garrett, Baltimore, Maryland

as well as a telegram from:

Mrs. Elisabeth L. Clark, Chairman, Horticultur Quarantine
Committee, Baltimore, Maryland.

Governor O'Connor thanked everyone present for their attendance at the meeting and stated that the Board of Public Works would give the matter its earnest consideration, and make a decision as promptly as possible.

ROSEWOOD STATE TRAINING SCHOOL:

Mr. F. C. Ellis, Chairman of Baltimore Building and Construction Trades Council, who had requested an opportunity to appear before the Board of Public Works in connection with work to be done at Rosewood State Training School and the fire control system, appeared before the Board, accompanied by Mr. Joseph P. McCurdy, who stated he was interested in the work at Rosewood State Training School being done under union conditions, and Mr. Buxbaum and Mr. Schultz.

Mr. Lloyd E. Mitchell, one of the contractors who had submitted a proposal for the work at the Power House at Rosewood State Training School, was present as was Mr. Charles T. King, another contractor who had submitted prices on the work.

Mr. Buxbaum stated that he and his associates were very much concerned about the way in which the work at Rosewood State Training School was proceeding and he felt the Board of Public Works should take some action promptly, looking toward the awarding of the mechanical work. Mr. Buxbaum stated that Mr. King seemed to be favored on work done at certain State institutions and that other contractors were strongly of the opinion that it was almost useless for them to submit bids because of Mr. King receiving practically all of the work at these institutions, and that, especially, in the case of Rosewood State Training School, Mr. Mitchell had submitted a price which was the lowest of several submitted and that it was rumored that all bids were going to be thrown out and new prices asked for, indicating that this would be done for Mr. King's benefit.

The Board assured Mr. Buxbaum and those present that they had no knowledge of any such circumstances and the Board of Managers of Rosewood State Training School would be requested not to make any commitments in connection with the mechanical work to be done at the institution without first taking the matter up with the Board of Public Works, and

that a request would be made that as little delay as possible occur in getting the work under way. Mr. Kirkman stated that he understood the Board of Managers of Rosewood State Training School would receive bids for consideration on Tuesday, May 28, 1940, and that the delay, to some extent, has been occasioned by the working out of arrangements with the Metropolitan District for Baltimore County for connecting the water supply system of the institution with the water mains of the Metropolitan District.

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The Board approved a request of Rosewood State Training School for additional work in the amount of \$30.00 for extra concrete to be added to a certain section of the foundation of the new Dormitory Building, due to soft pockets around the foundation. Three additional cubic yards of mass concrete ($1-2\frac{1}{2}-3\frac{1}{2}$) to avoid settlement of the building in the future are involved.

GENERAL BOND ISSUE OF 1939:

On Motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT ORDERED, That in accordance with the Acts of 1939, Chapter 756, the Governor, Comptroller of the Treasury and the Treasurer of the State, be and they are hereby authorized and directed to advertise twice a week for two successive weeks in the Baltimore Sun and the Baltimore News, the first insertion to bear date of June 24th, 1940 and the last insertion to bear date of July 5th, 1940, that the Treasurer will receive in the office of the Treasurer at Annapolis, Maryland, at any time up to 12 o'clock, noon, on July 12th, 1940, bids for bonds of the State of Maryland in the aggregate sum of \$1,173,000.00, to be issued under the provisions of said Act; said bids to be contained in sealed envelopes appropriately endorsed, and each bid to be accompanied by a certified check upon some responsible banking institution, drawn to the order of the Treasurer of Maryland for five per centum of the par value of the amount bid for. All bids will be opened at 12 o'clock noon on the 12th day of July, 1940.

Said bonds shall be dated the 15th day of August, 1940. The bidders shall be required to indicate in their bids the rate of interest to be paid on the bonds, on which rate their bids are to be based and submitted. The rate named must be a multiple of one-fourth of one per centum, the interest to be payable semi-annually on the fifteenth days of February and August, respectively, during the continuance of said loan, and all bids shall be based on an offering to pay not less than par for the bonds. Said bonds shall be of the denomination of \$1,000 each, all shall be subject to registration as to principal, and all shall be issued with interest coupons attached and shall be deliverable on the 15th day of August, 1940. The said bonds shall be issued upon the Serial Annuity Plan, as provided in said Act.

The right shall be reserved to accept one bid for all of said loan, or separate bids for parts of said loan, as may produce the highest amount; and the right shall also be reserved to accept bids which are for parts of said loan, but which may not be for all, and to reject all bids or any bids. If two or more responsible bidders shall make the same bid and each bid shall be the highest, and the certificates so bid for by such highest responsible bidders shall be in excess of the whole amount of certificates as offered for sale, then such certificates of indebtedness may be awarded in a ratable proportion to such responsible bidders bidding the same price.

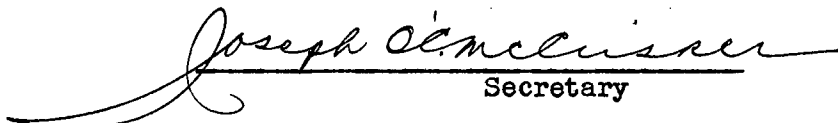
The Governor, Comptroller and the Treasurer shall cause to be prepared bonds in good and sufficient form for the amount of said loan.

COMPTROLLER OF THE TREASURY:

Mr. Kirkman submitted, with his recommendation, a proposed lease for space in the Pythian Building, Charles and Preston Streets, Baltimore, used by the State Comptroller's Office in the administration of the Income Tax Law, and as headquarters for the Auditors and Investigators working out of Baltimore for the Admissions Tax Division of that office. The lease calls for the rental of approximately 3,046 square feet of space on the second floor of the Pythian Building, for the term of one year beginning May, 1940, at the annual rental of \$3,600., the lease being on the standard form of lease approved by the Attorney General.

The proposed lease was approved and the Comptroller authorized to execute it.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.


Secretary